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Yank Pair Missing On Tour of Russia

Bath, Maine, Sept. 16 (UPI)—Two young men, both specialists in Russian studies, have disappeared mysteriously while touring Russia, the wife of one of them disclosed today.

Mrs. Rena Bennett, 26, of Bath, said her husband Harvey, 26, and a friend, Mark Kaminaky, 26, Ann Arbor, Mich., entered the Soviet Union July 27 from Helsinki, Finland, and were due to return to New York Sept. 1.

Mrs. Bennett said she last heard from her husband in a letter dated Aug. 19 and postmarked Vinnitsa, Russia. Kaminaky's brother, Daniel, of Edwardsburg, Mich., said he last heard from him in a postcard dated Aug. 20 and postmarked Kiev. The card said, "See you soon."

State Dept. Advised

Mrs. Bennett said she informed the State Department last week that the two men, friends since they met in the Air Force, were missing. She said the State Department said it would check the embassy in Moscow.

Mrs. Bennett said her husband wrote in his last letter that he was having "a good time" but was "looking forward to coming home." Bennett is a graduate of the University of California where he majored in Russian studies. Mrs. Bennett said he was unemployed and was planning to look for a job, possibly teaching, on his return to the U. S.

Kaminaky graduated from the

University of Michigan in 1958 and received a master's degree in Russian studies there last June.

"Critical" of Soviets

A professor who had him in a seminar said he was "very critical" of the Soviet Union. He was in Moscow in 1959 working at the American exhibition.

At Lafayette, Ind., Purdue University officials said Kaminaky was due to report Sept. 7 as an instructor in modern languages.

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